

taming my sight, .and enjoying a long
life. May I
enter into old age, as (a master enters)
his house.

StfKTA II. (CXVIL)

Deities, *Itiski*, and metre, as before.

Varga xiii. 1. Aswixs, for your gratification by
the pleasant
Soma juice, your ancient worshipper
adores you.
The offering" is poured upon the sacred
grass; the
hymn is ready (for repetition). Come,
NA.SATYAS,
with food and with vigour.

2. With that car, Aswnsrs,
which, rapid as
thought, drawn by good horses, appears
before men,
and with which you repair to the
dwelling of the
virtuous, come, leaders of (sacrifices), to
our abode.

3. You liberated, leaders (of rites),
the sage
* wM? was venerated by the five
classes of
from the wicked prison, together
with Ms
troop (of children), destroying his
enemies, and
baffling, sliowerers (of benefits), the
devices of the
malignant *Dasyus*.

4. "Headers (of sacrifice), -showerers (of
benefits),
you restored BEBHA^—cast, by
unassailable (ene-
mies), into the water, and wounded,
like a (sick)
horse,—by your (healing) skill Tour

ancient exploits do not fade (from recollection).

5. You extricated, DASKAS, the sage
VAKBASTA,^c
cast into \$, well, like a handsome and
splendid orna-

See p. 290, ^b See p. 289. ^c See p. 289.